



Interstate Bridge Replacement Program *Discussion on Key Questions*

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Key Guidance and Feedback Sought

Purpose and Need:

- Have the transportation problems previously identified been addressed?
- Are there new transportation problems in the project area that should be considered?

Vision and Values:

- What are the qualities desired in a project?

What is a Purpose and Need Statement?

The purpose and need explains what must be addressed from a transportation perspective.

“If an alternative does not satisfy the purpose and need for the project, as a rule, it should not be included in the analysis as an apparent reasonable alternative.”*

*FHWA Environmental Review Toolkit: https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/legislation/nepa/guidance_purpose_need.aspx

Previously Identified Purpose and Need



- Seismic vulnerability
- Limited public transportation
- Impaired freight movement
- Inadequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Safety concerns as a result of existing roadway design
- Growing travel demand and congestion



DISCUSSION:

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What is a Vision and Values Statement?

The purpose of a Vision and Values Statement is to identify specific regional values and goals related to potential transportation improvements that the program should consider as alternatives are being developed and evaluated

Initial Feedback on Vision and Values

- Keep focus on replacing the Interstate Bridge and how it contributes to better mobility on the I-5 system
- Recognize broader impacts, how systems interact, and additional improvements that might be necessary outside of this program
- Balance sense of urgency and efficient decision making with the need for thorough process
- Emphasis on functionality for all users (bridge, marine, aviation)
- Consider aesthetics balanced with other priorities
- Prioritize fundability and cost containment as practicable
- Consider environmental and human health impacts (such as air quality, etc.)
- Define impact area beyond what is immediately adjacent to the Interstate Bridge



DISCUSSION:

What are the qualities desired in a project?



Questions?